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Council recognized three teachers from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) who have recently been certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, bringing the school's total to 17. Board certification is a voluntary process of rigorous, performance-based assessment of skills and content area knowledge. Front row, left to right: Yau-Jong Twu, Maya Yamada and Coit Hendley, III with ERHS Principal Reginald McNeill. Back row, left to right: Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Edward Putens; Mayor Emmett Jordan; Councilmembers Judith Davis, Silke Pope and Rodney Roberts.

Council Seeks Access to Metro By Shuttle Bus, Easement Path

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt City Council's April 13 regular meeting was something of a municipal government grab bag. Resident requests ranged from speeding to the minimum voting age to the welfare of puppy dogs. In addition, council discussed a temporary shuttle bus and a conservation easement at Greenbelt Station.

New Energy Contract, Police Raid Vests Okayed by Council

by Kathleen Gallagher

Residents who fired up their various devices after 9:24 p.m. on April 27 looking for the city council meeting might have feared it had been cancelled. Rather, the meeting had a short agenda that was moved through at what passes in a municipality as warp speed, sending everyone home early to rest up for the many city activities coming up in May.

Council action did include approving the purchase of new police raid vests, renewing an energy supply contract at lower rates, reviewing a Greenbelt Theater request for reimbursement for a share of the cost of a new projector and discussion of what Pepco might do to trees marked with blue paints.

Since the coming of spring heralds many city celebrations and events, several proclamations were in order from Mayor Emmett Jordan and the other members of council, all of whom were present. May is recognized nationally as Older Americans Month and Sharon Johnson, service coor-

Traffic on Greenhill
Under the Petitions and Requests section of the agenda, Suzanne Krofchik presented a request from the Lakewood Citizens Association regarding speeding by school buses, as well as the county's TheBus and private vehicles, on Greenhill Road. The association specifically requested that an appropriate staff person be

assigned to meet with them about this problem, which they had previously reported to the city.

The near-collision that gave rise to the request for council action was reported in an article in the April 16 issue of

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What Goes On

Saturday, May 2
9 a.m. to noon, Shredding Day, Parking Lot behind the Credit Union

7 p.m., Contra Dance, Youth Center Gym (See city ad on page 5)

Sunday, May 3

1 p.m., Greenbelt Farmers Market Volunteer Orientation, Community Center

1 to 3 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, May 4

7:30 p.m., Budget Work-session with Recreation, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltdtv.gov/municipality

Tuesday, May 5

Free Carotid Artery and Peripheral Artery Disease Screenings, Community Center (See city ad on page 5)

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

Wednesday, May 6

7:30 p.m., Budget Work-session with Contribution Groups, Community Center

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Theater Soft Opening Set

by Rachel Kuipers

The soft opening of the Greenbelt Theatre, located in the Roosevelt Center, is set for May 1 with a grand opening planned for May 29.

During the several weeks between the soft and grand openings, the theater will play a series of films released over the 10 months it was closed. They dubbed the project, which will include two films per week, What Did We Miss, said Greenbelt Theatre Executive Director Caitlin McGrath.

After the grand opening, the theater will show movies from around 1938, the time period it was first opened, before returning to a more regular schedule. This is to celebrate the reopening by "looking back to when it first opened and showing some of the films that were from that era or would have been shown at the theater when it opened originally," McGrath said.

The theater closed early last summer for renovations, and remained closed longer than the anticipated six months because of

setbacks that included the discovery of asbestos. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the harmful discovery was found "in very limited amounts in some of the piping insulation near the bathrooms," but it was removed and the building is clean.

Outdated bathrooms, plumbing, electrical systems and heat and air conditioning caused the need for the renovations. The system used to show films needed replacing, as it used old formats not suitable for digital movies. The lobby was restored to what it would have been in the late 1930s, McGrath said.

The theater was built as part of the original historic community, said McLaughlin. It has also served as a performing arts center, and has been an active part of the community for much of the past 77 years.

In 2002 the city purchased the building from the past owners because they didn't plan to renew the lease, McLaughlin said.

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Greenbelt Farmers Market Opens Mother's Day, May 10

by Cathie Meetre

The first Greenbelt Farmers Market opened on Mother's Day in 2008, buoyed with optimism and fraught with anxiety after two years of hard work by its founding group. Seven successful years later, the 2015 market also starts the season on Mother's Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., having become an established and beloved element in the community – contributing to the well-being of Roosevelt Center and providing a casual and healthful recreational and shopping opportunity for residents.

Though the founders have moved on, they still offer advice and encouragement to their successors who carry the torch forward. Over time, the market has grown in strength and variety, now attracting several hundred visitors each Sunday and offering a wide and eclectic variety of products. Colorful permanent signs on Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road (courtesy of a Community Foundation grant) alert drivers who might otherwise whizz by or not see the market's old Sunday-only temporary signs.

The 2015 market will see many old favorites back plus some new and exciting vendors bringing an even wider variety of products. Though the market continues with its producer-only policy and its focus on fresh foods and a varied and healthy diet, the range of vendors runs from pickles to honey, and ice-

cream to shrimp gumbo, with two organic vegetable vendors and a third who is transitional to organic. The cornucopia continues with vegan delicacies, local wines, plants and flowers, salmon, desserts, meat and artisan breads and pastries, as well as personal consumables like soaps and lotions.

Because the market is well-attended and well-run, it is an attractive outlet for vendors. Organizers this year were delighted to receive many more applications than spaces were available, though a vendor of dairy products remains elusive. (Maryland's regulations offer many barriers that dissuade dairy farmers from participating, and the market's original vendor, Firefly Farms, has graduated to a larger scale of production.)

Good Balance

Vendors are selected anew each year to create a good balance of fresh and prepared foods and to add interest and variety to the market, factoring in the popularity and success of prior-year stalwarts. Over the years, the market has also increased the number of occasional or alternating vendors, allowing it to provide a broader spectrum of goods and to motivate customers to visit weekly.

Vendors must be located in Maryland or come from within

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News Review Seeks Web Designer

As the News Review continues to upgrade its electronic capabilities and presence, it requires outside assistance to upgrade its website. Working with a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation, the paper has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to local businesses for a relatively small scale but important initial push to upgrade the website. Although relatively small in scope, the required work will provide the foundation for a website that can be gradually expanded to encompass a wider range of services and offer more functionality to the paper's audience and increase the paper's appeal and readership. Based on the initial website development, bidders are also encouraged to discuss their approach to the future work that is envisaged.

Bids are encouraged from any organization, including individual consultants, which can illustrate a track record of successful web development and demonstrate understanding of the work to be done.

Potential bidders are encouraged to read the RFP – which can be retrieved from our website at greenbeltnewsreview.com. Bidders are encouraged to explore the existing website to see the starting point and can request clarification of the RFP by email.

The closing date for bids is May 22 at 4 p.m. EDT and work should begin in June. Instructions in the RFP explain how to bid.

The website has been online for several years and has done excellent service – providing weekly posting of the newspaper in PDF format and now including an archive back to 1937. But its scope is limited and the new site will offer better service for the paper's readers and, as it expands, will provide facilities for online submission for stories and online forms for advertising and secure payments. In addition, we envisage a Greenbelt photo gallery, extra coverage of ongoing news topics, and the opportunity to comment online about Greenbelt issues.

cent on April 23 around 7:15 a.m. or so.

As I headed south on Greenhill a northbound TheBus stopped in its lane behind a legally parked vehicle. The bus driver had stopped so that a car several lengths ahead of me could continue going south. Because northbound TheBus had been waiting for that car to pass, I offered the open lane by stopping at Greenknoll. A southbound TheBus stopped behind me.

The driver of the gray car either pulled out from behind the southbound TheBus, impatient that we were stopped, or most likely, never did stop. His speed indicated such.

Coming down the hill, he kept speeding, first passed the southbound TheBus in the northbound lane, then passed me and then swerved back into the southbound lane. Had a pedestrian been at the corner, crossing Greenhill, the driver never would have seen him. The northbound TheBus saw what the driver was doing and waited.

The driver of the gray car is a prime example of why the next step in traffic control needs to be addressed. A speed hump would at least have slowed him down.

By the way, when I got to the stop sign at Crescent, the gray car was there waiting. His speeding had not saved him time.

Sue Krocchik

Rose-colored Glasses?

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) Homes Improvement Program (HIP) vote is coming up, inspiring our first letter. Friends have addressed HIP issues before and we signed a petition, attended a meeting; but we didn't fully consider how this could affect us, our neighbors and GHI's financial

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Adults \$9
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SHOWTIMES May 1 - 7

BOYHOOD

Fri. 5:00
Sat. 3:30
Sun. 12:15, 5:45
Mon. 7:15
Tues. 5:00
Weds. 7:15
Thurs. 5:00

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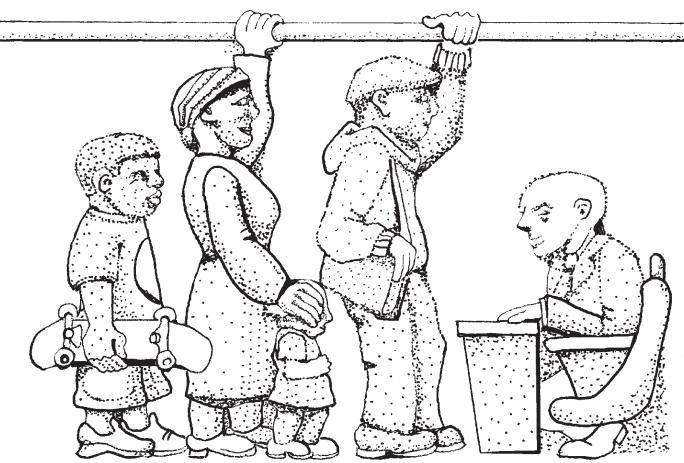
Fri. 8:30
Sat. 1:15, 7:00
Sun. 3:30
Mon. 5:00
Tues. 8:30
Weds. 5:00
Thurs. 8:30

SONG OF THE SEA

Sat. 11:00am

Bas Relief Revisited

Pete Reppert



OFFER METRO SEAT TO ELDERLY

Tennis Members Hold Annual Social

On Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will host its annual membership social at Braden Field Tennis Courts. The event is free and open to all ages and skill levels. The social includes doubles play, drills, courts for kids and beginners, and refreshments. Balls will be provided and some rackets made available. Information about joining GTA and its upcoming 2015 season will be available.

Shredding Day Saturday, May 2

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will have its Spring Shredding Day this Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot behind the Credit Union. Shredding is held twice per year (Fall and Spring) for credit union members and the community.

There is a five box maximum, personal papers only, no trash. Contaminated and unattended paper will not be shredded.

Letters to the Editor

Foster our Plantings

I read with interest the April 23 article on planting trees in and around Greenbelt. Now let's take care of their life cycle the way they deserve.

On walks around the city I have seen trees on both city and GHI grounds and in residential yards that were being treated the exact opposite of the way experts say they should be treated. This includes three-inch high volcano stacks of wood mulch pushed up around the trunks – which is "not even wrong" as the kids say – and pruning at the wrong time of year – like fig trees pruned in November, which is a good way to kill them.

I always listen to what Mike McGrath says and posts on the WTOP site and the You Bet Your Garden archives. Mike has decades of experience under his belt in raising beautiful, poison-free environments that are good for birds, bees, pets and kids, without spending your entire income. He publicized the changes of law in Greenbelt and Takoma Park prohibiting pesticides, and the changes in Maryland and Virginia law to prevent nitrogen run-off ruining the bay. He is also editor

Reckless Speeds Calls For Bumps

When the city council was made aware on April 13 that a Fayette Place resident had to go over a curb to avoid a collision with a speeding school bus, they took action. Now all buses of which I have been aware (at least four to six a day) respected the speed limit.

Not so for the guy in the gray car with tag 1BXxxxx, going south on Greenhill toward Cres-

Corrections

The following are corrections to the New Deal Café article of April 16.

The New Deal Café serves more than just "a variety of pastries, sandwiches and hot and cold drinks." The Café offers a complete lunch and dinner menu, including vegan and vegetarian choices, featuring Mediterranean cuisine, and in addition, it offers a special Sunday brunch menu.

Not "All employees are volunteers and residents of the community . . ." While the Café values and relies heavily on volunteers, and has done so from the very beginning, it does hire paid staff. Also, not all of the Café's volunteers live in Greenbelt.

The Café has more than a dozen tables not all of which are round and each tip jar is not a tin can but instead is a plastic beer Stein that encourages the Café's patrons to show their appreciation of the bands through tips.

In last week's photo caption for the new Children's National Health System Office, the address of their new office was incorrectly stated. The correct address is 7525 Greenway Center Drive, Suite 110 in Greenbelt.

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and Ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$45/year.

Community Events

At the Library

Infants and Toddlers Program, Books at Bedtime, Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m. Start your bedtime routine with us. Sing-a-longs, stories and quiet play activities will be presented to encourage engagement between caregivers and children. The focus is on age-appropriate social/emotional, communication and literacy skills. Please pick up your ticket at the Information Desk before the program. Presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program.

Preschool Storytime, ages 3-5, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and more.

Baby Storytime, ages 1-2, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. Enjoy stories, songs and other activities.

Toddler Storytime, ages 2-3, Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays and more. Please pick up free tickets at the Information Desk for these events.

Monday, May 4, 7 p.m., Spanish/English Preschool Storytime, for ages 3-5, limit 20 people. Stories, fingerplays, and songs will be presented in Spanish and English. Please pick up tickets at the Information Desk on the day of the event.

Encourage your child to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program contains a mix of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event.

Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m. African Americans in the Old West will be the next session of the spring season in this audio-visual lecture series presented by C.R. Gibbs, renowned historian of the African Diaspora.

Writers to Meet

The group meets the third Friday of each month. For more information contact Mary Moien at mmoien@aol.com

GHI Notes

Thursday, April 30, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 to 10 p.m., Candidates Forum, Municipal Building

Thursday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Friday, May 8, OFFICE CLOSED, Emergency Maintenance Service at 301-474-6011

Sunday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Woodlands Committee to Host Community Booth, Greenbelt Farmers Market

Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a resident of Boxwood Village. It is available to graduating high school seniors and to full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship has been funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood Booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

The application form should be completed and returned by June 30. A scholarship committee composed of five Boxwood Village residents will choose this year's recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597 or Brenda Cooley at 301-345-1388.

When Vegetables Make You Smile!

You're a Farmers Market kind of person. On Sunday, May 3 at 1 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 202, we will be holding an orientation and welcome for new and returning volunteers. In addition to staffing the information booth at the market each Sunday, there are numerous opportunities to help out with a variety of projects, including special events, music, activities for kids, fund-raisers and administrative tasks – bring your own ideas too. Refreshments will be served. For more information about the market, check out its website at greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.

GAIL Offers Free Health Screenings

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program in partnership with Advanced Vascular Resources (AVR) will be offering free carotid artery and peripheral artery disease screenings on May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103. Please call 301-345-6660 to schedule an appointment.

Cadillac and LaSalle Antique Car Show

On Sunday, May 3, antique and classic Cadillacs will be displayed at the free annual Spring Cadillac and LaSalle show at Capitol Cadillac Company, 6500 Capitol Drive. The show begins at 10 a.m., with awards presented at 3 p.m. Approximately 80 cars will be on display both inside and out, rain or shine. For details call Dan Ruby at 301-894-8026.

NEW DEAL CAFÉ Annual Membership Meeting

Sunday, May 17th @ 1:00 pm

Sign-in and payment of annual dues begins at 12:30 pm at the Café. Look for additional information regarding the meeting in next week's edition of the *News Review*.

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)

2nd Floor, Greenbelt Community Center, Suite 204
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Have a kid interested in making videos?

GATeCREATE!

Offering elementary school-aged kids a two-week, after-school program

Monday-Friday, May 11-22, from 3-5PM at Beltway Plaza Mall

Middle school kids get their chance Monday-Friday, June 8-19, from 4-6PM at Beltway Plaza Mall

For more information, visit the GATe website or e-mail greenbeltaccess@gmail.com for fees, application and scholarship information.

Free and Open to the Public

Orientation

Tuesday, May 5

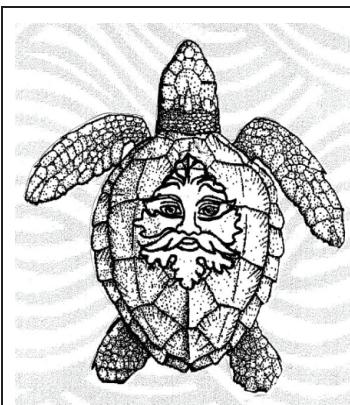
beginning at 7:30pm in the GATe Studio

Book a seat at greenbeltaccess@gmail.com

See what's showing on Comcast 77 and Verizon FiOS 19 by visiting www.greenbelttv.org and click on "schedule"

Artful Afternoon Features Dance

Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday, May 3 will feature a fully-staged performance by alight dance theater of Frontline: Women of a Forgotten War, with live musical accompaniment by Bedlam. The event will also include an exhibit reception with "contemporary pictorialist" landscape photographer Karen Klinedinst and many other activities. The program is free and open to all ages.



11th Annual Greenbelt

Green Man Festival

From mid-morning to late afternoon

May 9th & 10th
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 R = ID Required

(!) = No passes, (!!) = No passes weekend
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WEEK OF May 1

FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Avengers: Age of Ultron, in 3D**,
 PG13 (!)
 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 9:00

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 Brotherly Love, R (!!)

11:30, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
 Unfriendly, R
 1:50, 7:00, 9:30

Furious 7, R
 11:55, 3:30, 6:50, 9:50
 Home, PG
 11:55, 2:20, 4:45

SUNDAY

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Greenbelt Arts Center

THIS FRIDAY ONLY!

The Homespun Ceilidh Band



High-energy traditional

and contemporary music.

With their lighthearted

and fun approach to

performances as well as

their distinctive

"Big Band" Celtic sound,

they will set your toes

tappin'.

Friday, May 1
at 8:00pm

Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission,
 \$16 Students/Seniors/Military,
 \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

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A Raisin in the Sun – May 15-June 6 directed by Rikki Howie Lacewell

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or
 email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or

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Obituaries

Barbara Anne Rexon

Barbara Rexon, 85, died on April 15, 2015, after having lived in Riderwood Village, Silver Spring, Md. for many years. She was an original resident of Boxwood Village in Greenbelt.

She received her degree from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Philadelphia and worked as a registered nurse at the Prince George's General Hospital and the Greenbelt Nursing Home.

The Rexon family moved to Greenbelt in 1965. Over the years, they enjoyed the Greenbelt theater, Greenbelt Park, the Greenbelt pool, Buddy Attick Park, ice cream cones from Highs, Sunday concerts at the bandstand, picnics at the fireworks every Fourth of July and the Labor Day Festival and Parade.

Mrs. Rexon shopped at the Co-op grocery store and Ben Franklin, where a homemaker could obtain everything needed without leaving town.

She was a member of Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir; the Community Church; the Homemakers' Club and the Golden Age Club.

She used much of her time to volunteer for Help by Phone, the church pantry, reading to people with disabilities, the Girl Scouts and carpooling children to the many school and community activities in Greenbelt.

Mrs. Rexon was an advocate for the homeless, hosting a shelter for homeless women and their infants in her home.

She is survived by her five daughters, their spouses, 11 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, a sister, nieces, nephews and former husband, Howard Rexon.

Mrs. Rexon was a devoted mother and loving grandmother. She will be fondly remembered as 'GG' by her great-grandchildren, who brought her much joy.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity that helps the homeless and the hungry.

Astronomical Society April Meeting

The April meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will feature a presentation by Dr. Laura Lising, Time Symmetry Breaking and the Production of Matter in the Early Universe. Lising is a graduate of the University of Virginia and received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. She hopes to make the talk interactive and kid friendly. The meeting will be held Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Admission is free. All are welcome.



**Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt**

MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

James Linkenhoker

James I. (Jamie) Linkenhoker, 57, of King George, Va., formerly of Greenbelt, died at home on Friday, April 24, 2015.

Mr. Linkenhoker worked for Singerlink, DynCorp, MFS, CSC and Pac All at Patuxent River for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife Betty G. Linkenhoker, daughters Christine Linkenhoker and Kimberly Lawson, his mother Sandra Mooney and her husband Fred, all of Greenbelt; his father James I. Linkenhoker and his wife Adele of Prince George, Va.; his sisters Lorrie Engle of Spokane, Wash. and Kathie Linkenhoker of Greenbelt; his brothers George and Charles of Fredericksburg, Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held April 29, 2015.

In Memoriam

Alan W. Ripeon

In memory of my son Alan W. Ripeon, born March 26, 1983, and died April 22, 2015.

He loved music and playing his guitar and going to the beach. He loved all animals and was friendly to everyone. He liked making people laugh. Alan got his sense of humor from his mom. They had fun together.

Alan had a heart of gold. If you needed something and he had it, it was yours.

He was into nutrition, always reading medical books.

His nephew Elliott was the light of his life. He was so proud to call Shannon his baby sister and loved his dad and big sister Sherri.

We know he is smiling down on us. We will miss him forever.

— Yvonne Ripeon
for the Ripeon family

Synagogue Explores Climate Change

The Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah Synagogue will present a special program on alternative energy sources in a time of climate change on Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. The featured speaker will be Joelle Novey, director of District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia Interfaith Power and Light. Novey will speak on The Jewish Response to Climate Change.

She will provide information of general interest on how all individuals can make a significant difference on the environment by doing things such as reducing carbon footprints. She will speak about joining in community power programs, including Groundswell Energy, which provide a vendor-neutral process to negotiate the best prices for non-carbon based energy such as wind power.

The event is free and open to the community. Everyone is invited to attend and learn how to make a difference. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

Contra Dance At Youth Center

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is co-sponsoring another contra dance with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington on Saturday, May 2 at the Greenbelt Youth Center gym. The dance begins at 7 p.m. and welcomes beginners as well as experienced dancers. Beginner lessons will start at 6:30 p.m. Perry Shafran will be calling to the music of Lovely Lane String Band. There is a fee for those over age six.

Contra dance features live music and a caller who does a walk through before each dance. Once you get the moves for the dance, the pattern just repeats itself.

Call 240-542-2054 for more information.

Condolences to the family and friends of lifelong Greenbelter Elizabeth (Liz) Labukas, who died April 23, 2015, at the age of 59. She was the daughter of the late Peter and Eileen (Mudd) Labukas and sister of Kathy Labukas of Greenbelt, Peter Labukas, Jr. and Lynn Edward. Many Greenbelters knew Liz as an aide at the Greenbelt Nursery School, where she worked for many years.

Sympathy to Sandra Mooney and the Linkenhoker family on the death of James I. Linkenhoker, Jr., 57, of King George, Va., on April 24, 2015. "Jamie" grew up in Greenbelt and was the eldest child of Sandy and her former husband James Linkenhoker, Sr. Funeral services were held in King George on April 29.

Our thoughts go out to Yvonne Ripeon and other members of her family on the death of her son, Alan Ripeon, on April 22, 2015.

Congratulations to:

— Mairead Alexander, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to the University of Maryland-Baltimore County (UMBC) program in the Humanities. She auditioned for the program playing a violin made by Jeff Knutson, husband of former Greenbelter Laura Millman. At UMBC, Mairead will major in both music and English. She is the daughter of David and Rachel Alexander of Lakewood and granddaughter of News Review staffer and music teacher Jean Turkiewicz.

Mairead's mother, Rachel, received an honor herself when the orchestra she directs, from the Benjamin Foulois Performing Arts School in Morningside, Md., won first place in a recent competition at Busch Gardens. In addition to directing the orchestra of grades 6, 7 and 8, Rachel is instructor of stringed instruments for all grades, K-8, at the school.



— Eric Silverman, who graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (class of 1998), was recently selected in a national print and online magazine for employee benefits/insurance and financial services as one of the 20 "rising stars" under the age of 35. Silverman has been in the employee benefits business for the past 15 years.

To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

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The Will to Power

Camus: May 6
Absurdity & God

Poetry: May 20
Words, Rhythm & Prayer

2015
7:30pm
at
Greenbelt
Baptist
Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4212



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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.

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May 3, 10 a.m.

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Jonathan Mawdsley, Worship Associate with the entire PBUUC Worship Associates Team; and the Choir

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Worship Service 11:00AM

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(301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Greenbelt Community Church

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1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3-8

Sunday, May 3 at 1pm, **GREENBELT FARMERS MARKET VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Monday, May 4 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION w/RECREATION**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Both meetings will be covered live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipal

Tuesday, May 5 at 7pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION w/CONTRIBUTION GROUPS** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

We Are Expecting Kittens!

It's a KITTEN SHOWER

Saturday, May 9 from 10am-2pm
American Legion-6900 Greenbelt Road
Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter at 550-A Crescent Road. Info: 301-474-6124

We are registered for: Cat Beds, Fleece Blankets, Towels, Kitten Food (both dry and wet), Kitten Replacement Milk, Kitten Bottles, Toys, Heating Pad, Kitten/Cat Collars, Pine Fresh Litter, Litter Pans (smaller the better), Cat Carriers, Cat Trees, Dish Detergent (Lemon Joy is best), Canned Pumpkin, Mineral Oil, Feliway, Cat Nail Clippers and Monetary Donations Towards the Revamping of the cats rooms.

Greenbelt Animal Shelter
550-A Crescent Road 301-474-6124
Open Wednesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm



Wishes: is quite the gentleman cat. At three years old, he looks like "Garfield", but with a handsome patch of white on his chest. Wishes is gentle and very sweet and would be good with kids or other cats. He loves his treats and is just a good boy, overall.



Guinea Pigs of Greenbelt: The shelter has four Guinea Pigs, two females and two males, all with pretty color coats. Chessie, Midnight, Claire and Geillis are good about being held and would love a permanent home!

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

See pets at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/animalshelter

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Shredding Day

May 2 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Parking lot behind the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union at the Roosevelt Center: 112 Centerway.

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway. Only 5 file boxes/bags per person; must be present for shredding. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets...Abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash.

Info: Luisa Robles 240-542-2153



Bike to Work Day 2015

is Friday, May 15th!
Register now at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org/ and remember the first 14,000 registrants are eligible for a free t-shirt.

Take a pit stop anytime from 6:30am-8:30am at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot. Refreshments will be provided to registered participants arriving by bike.

Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invites you to join over 10,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work.

Pit Stop Manager: Di Quynn-Reno 240-542-2053

Contra Dance

Date: May 2, 2015
Time: 7:00pm-9:45pm
(Intro dance lesson at 6:30pm)
Where: Youth Center Gym
99 Centerway
Greenbelt, MD 20770
Fee: \$10.00; (Ages 18 and under \$5.00; 6 and under free)



Come one, Come all! This is a great way to meet new people, enjoy music and have fun all in one night. Contra newcomers are welcome and encouraged to come. The dance is also family friendly. Entry fee is \$10.00 per person, be sure to bring your soft-soled shoes. Spread the word, the more the merrier!

Perry Shafran calling to the music of Lovely Lane String Band

Co-Sponsor by FSGW and City of Greenbelt



GREENBELT ASSISTANCE IN LIVING PROGRAMS

Free Carotid Artery and Peripheral Artery Disease Screenings, May 5, 2015 at Greenbelt Community Center – 15 Crescent Road, Room 103. Pre-registration is required. Please call 301-345-6660 to register.

Carotid artery disease is a serious condition that occurs when the blood vessels in the neck become narrow with fatty, waxy substance called plaque.

Carotid artery disease is one of the primary causes of a stroke. Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) is a common circulatory problem in which narrowed arteries reduce blood flow to your limbs. PAD usually affects your legs with the most notable symptom being leg pain when walking.

Free Produce Give Away – Thursday, May 7 at Springhill Lake Elementary School 6060 Springhill Lake Drive– 2:30-3:30 pm. Please bring sturdy bags and rolling carts. Please note you will not be allowed entrance into the school until 2:15 pm.

Creating Your Individual Aging In Place Plan – Wednesday, May 20 from 1-3pm at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Join Community Resource Advocate, Christal Batey as she takes you through an Aging in Place planning exercise. Examine your future needs and determine gaps in resources in order to create a forecast of tasks that you can accomplish and identify areas in which you may need assistance in order to age in place.

The following areas will be discussed during the session: Housing, Health and Wellness, Personal Finance, Transportation, Community and Social Interaction and Education and Entertainment.

Seating is limited to 20 attendees-
Please call 301-345-6660 to register.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee
For information call 301-474-8000.

Artist's Studio Space Available

Through the City of Greenbelt's Artist in Residence Program Greenbelt Community Center Apply by May 8. New residences begin in July. 24-hour access. 10' X 17' plus common areas. \$179.45/month plus deposit.

Details and application at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts 301-397-2208

SAFE TRANSACTIONS LOCATION

A Better, Safer Way to Conduct Your Online/In Person Transactions

The Greenbelt Police Department welcomes the public to our police station to complete their legal online transactions in a safer way. The public can take advantage of our Department's lobby or close exterior to meet with others and finalize their online transactions in person. Our public lobby is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is available to you.

The Greenbelt Police Department police station is located at 550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

For more information: Mathews at (240)542-2116 or at gmathews@greenbeltdmd.gov.

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, May 3
Greenbelt Community Ctr.
15 Crescent Road

1-3pm: Make a collaged pendant or back-pack ornament with artist Sherill Gross

3:00pm: alight dance theater performs "Frontline," their newest concert length work based on the experience of Maryland women during the War of 1812 (3:00pm). FREE! Live period music provided by Bedlam. Enjoy a social dance and interactive costume activities with the cast. Made possible through the Jim Cassells Community Service Award.

SAVE THE DATE...

SOFT OPENING OF GREENBELT THEATRE...
ANY DAY! Check Marquee and Website.

Sunday, May 10: Greenbelt Farmers Market Opens, Roosevelt Center

Saturday, May 16:
10am-2pm Public Works Open House, 555 Crescent Rd.
2-6pm: Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Rd.
11am-1pm: **Fostering Kittens Workshop** at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road.

www.greenbeltdmd.gov

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this paper. Of additional concern was a lack of clarity when police were called regarding whether city or county police should respond.

Councilmember Leta Mach observed that a similar speeding problem continues to prevail on Lastner Lane in Boxwood.

Voting Age

William Peterson, son of Sieglinde and Raymond Peterson of Lakeside, made a request to council to consider lowering the voting age in city elections to 16. Councilmember Rodney Roberts pointed out that the city's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) had taken this matter up and was sending a report about it to council. Council discussed possibly holding a worksession on the matter when the report was received. In the meantime, since Peterson is 14 years old and there are vacancies on the YAC, it was suggested that he apply to be considered for appointment.

Dog Park Rehab

Franklin Park resident Amanda Brozana requested that the city take action to do necessary maintenance work on the city dog park, which she suggested was one of the most used and most beloved of city park areas. She thanked the Public Works Department for having seeded a portion of it, which she said will reduce its tendency to become swampy. She added that she hoped that work was the first of several steps to keep the park from becoming a "mud pit."

Brozana then described two items that park users consider will need attention soon. The fence that separates the large and small dog areas has degraded with the result that dogs are now able to push through under the fence. In addition, gates into the smaller part of the park need adjustment to open and close properly, which is a problem for maneuvering both dogs and people through safely.

Councilmembers Judith Davis and Silke Pope also mentioned that the dog park association is forming again. They noted some of the issues that have been discussed in the past about the park.

South Core Shuttle

The first Greenbelt Station item was a request to approve plans for a shuttlebus to run on an interim basis through the South Core to transport commuting residents of the burgeoning numbers of townhouses and condominiums to the Greenbelt Metro Station. The Woodlawn Development Group is required, as a condition of previously received county approvals, to provide a pedestrian and service vehicle connection between the residential area and the station. This connection was required to be made by the time of issuance of the 200th building permit, with provision that the condition could be waived if a shuttle or other transportation service were provided.

Having estimated that the permit limit would be reached before the pedestrian connection is in place, Woodlawn prepared a proposal to the city to have Reston Limousine provide shuttle service Monday through Friday during peak commuting times, from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. and from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The city's Advisory Planning

Board recommended that the city council approve the proposal to implement the shuttle on an interim basis, with a number of conditions from the board and city planning staff in such areas as ADA-accessible vehicles, provision for evaluations and adjustments to service, and placement of stop locations to provide for pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Woodlawn also had to agree that this service did not satisfy the condition imposed by the county to provide bike and pedestrian connection to the station, a project on which the developer has been struggling to make progress with WMATA.

In attendance at the meeting to present the shuttle plan were Norman Rivera, representing South Core Greenbelt Metro; Justin Frye, project manager for Woodlawn; and Carolyn Callahan, sales manager for Reston Limousine. Everyone was in harmony on the conditions.

Councilmembers asked many questions about details of how the shuttle would work. Roberts raised a more significant issue: whether the service hours would be adequate for the needs of people traveling downtown to work. He particularly questioned whether a 6:30 a.m. time for the shuttle to start in the morning was early enough.

Frye and Callahan both agreed to explore the issue further when there were more residents and actual riders to survey. Callahan confirmed they would adjust the schedule or extend the hours provided funding permitted.

Conservation Easement

The second Greenbelt Station matter was a request from the Maryland Department of Planning for the city to review and comment on the possible conveyance of a conservation easement of approximately 53 acres of state-owned land adjacent to Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt Station and the South Core development. The easement, which would be held by the Maryland Environmental Trust (MET), would provide an open space buffer to the potential location of the FBI headquarters. Public access to the property, as proposed, would not be permitted under the easement.

The State of Maryland owns 75.5 acres of land immediately adjacent to the Metro Station. Council decided to annex this land in late 2005, at which time the state planning office suggested that if the city wanted the parcel to remain undeveloped as protection for Indian Creek, it should strive to establish a permanent protection instrument, such as a conservation easement.

The state would grant the northernmost 22.5 acres to the General Services Administration as a security easement. The remaining 53 acres are being considered for the conservation easement, which would be granted only if Greenbelt is selected as the relocation site for the FBI. The southernmost part of this acreage lies adjacent to the South Core residential development currently under construction.

According to an April 6 memorandum from Community Planner Jessica Bellah, MET is of the belief that restricting the entire 75.5 acre site would

"greatly enhance the desirability of the Metro Station site to the FBI." Although Greenbelt is strongly supportive of the choice of this site for the relocation, Bellah said the city's planning staff recommends that the city council not support the easement as conceptualized since it is not consistent with Greenbelt's current local planning efforts.

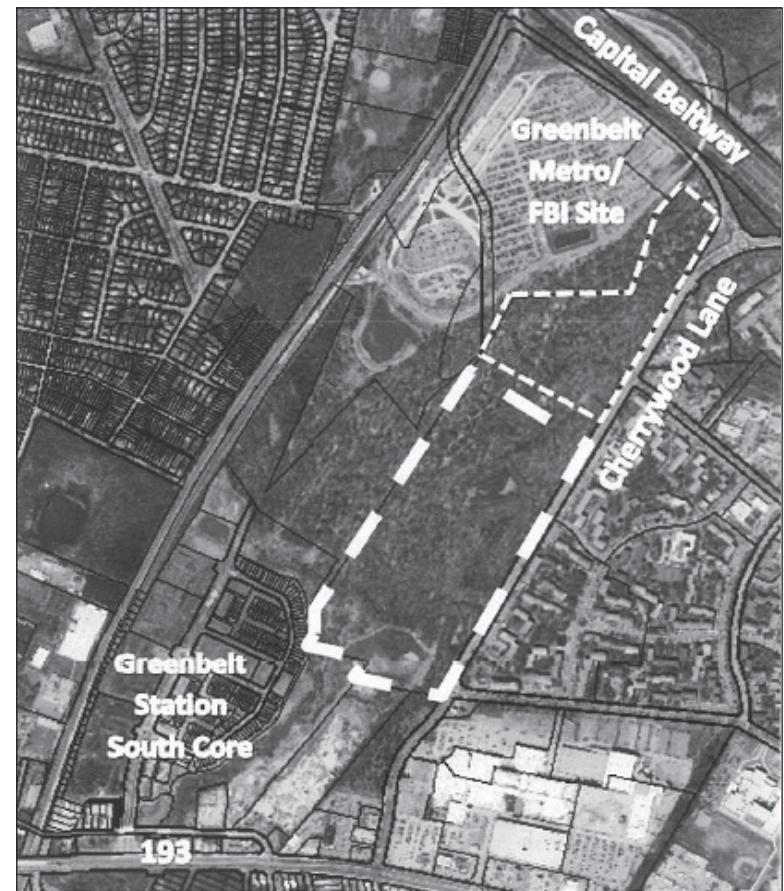
The Greenbelt Metro Area and MD 193 Corridor Sector Plan anticipates new and enhanced pedestrian/bike connections through the proposed easement area. In addition, the easement as proposed would not permit the proposed hiker/biker trail connections approved in detailed site plans for Greenbelt Station South Core. Bellah said it appears that MET was mistakenly under the impression that this area was already closed to public access. City staff believe there will not be a problem with MET's allowing for the planned trail uses.

A draft letter was provided for council consideration to request that the state and MET revise the proposal for the easement to allow for the publicly accessible trails.

Davis suggested adding a request to the state to undertake the conservation easement regardless of the decision ultimately made on the FBI relocation.

Roberts asked to go further and see if the land could be made part of the Maryland Wildlands program, where it would receive greater protection.

Council voted to approve sending the letter to the Maryland Department of Planning and MET.



Greenbelt Station South Core
Property Associated with FBI Easements
Small Dashes = Approved Security Easements
Large Dashes = Proposed Conservation Easement Area

Watkins Nature Center Offers Family Campfire

May 15 and May 29.

The campfires are for those two and older and there is a nominal fee. Dress appropriately for the weather. Children and their parents and/or adult chaperones must be registered. Visit the online registration page at smartlink.pgparks.com or register in person at a community center. The Nature Center is located at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro.



Call for Entries: Group art show

Farm to Table

A collaboration with the
Greenbelt Farmers Market
July/August 2015

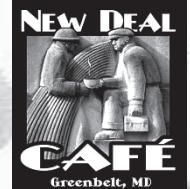


Submissions may include: market scenes, harvesting, farms, farm animals, vegetables, fruit, bread-making, etc.

<http://www.newdealcafe.com/events/art.php>

The art shows at the New Deal Cafe are sponsored by Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA) with support from the City of Greenbelt.

- The show will be on display for the months of July and August in the New Deal Cafe.
- Reception will include wine tasting for adults & fruit and veggie sculpting for kids with Tom Baker!
- 2-dimensional art work in all media is welcome for submission. A display case is available for 3-dimensional art, which must measure 10 inches by 10 inches.
- All 2-dimensional art work must be hooked, wired, and ready to hang.
- This exhibit is limited to artists 18 years and over.
- Please submit a digital image of the work you would like to have exhibited, considered for the show to myevesuk@aol.com (up to 4 entries per artist).
- Please include the title and size of each art work submitted.
- Deadline for submission for the show is June 26th, 2015.
- Artists will be notified about acceptance of their work by June 29th, 2015.
- If you have any questions or need assistance, please send e-mail to myevesuk@aol.com or call (301) 602-2769 to speak with Meg Haney.



Photos by Eric Zhang / "Teaches" by Karl Gary

Design by Talia Rowitt

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celebrated the week of May 17. The city's Public Works Department will hold its annual open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, which in combination with Celebration of Spring in Greenbelt West, will provide a day full of activities for all. Public Works will provide a lunch, demonstrations and rides on equipment, including the always popular cherry picker, information tables and tours of the Public Works facility, greenhouse and rain gardens.

Robles also reported that participation in Electronics Recycling Day last week had been high and reminded everyone that Shredding Day will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 2, in the parking lot behind Roosevelt Center.

Though not the topics of proclamations, it was observed that the Greenbelt Farmers Market will reopen on Sunday, May 10, which is also the weekend for the Green Man Festival.

No Shows

The first of two public hearings on the proposed FY 2016 city budget was scheduled for this meeting but no members of the public came to comment. Four budget worksessions remain to be held after this week. The second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at 8 p.m. The last meeting of the budget cycle will be the regular meeting of June 8, at which the budget is scheduled for adoption.

Also serving to accelerate the pace of the meeting was that no residents appeared to make requests or present petitions to the city council.

Pepco Blue Paint

Councilmember Rodney Roberts added this item to the agenda in order to raise concern about the many trees in center city that have been marked with blue paint. He said in the absence of information from Pepco on its so-called "Landscape Management Plan" it is possible that all these trees, many of which are street

trees, may be targeted to be cut down. He said, "Tree removal is not the same thing as landscape management."

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said the city has made it clear not only that a plan must be submitted for review but also that to do any work Pepco requires a city permit. He said although he shares Roberts' concerns he believes the marking of the trees to be just a step in producing the plan the city has demanded.

Councilmembers Judith Davis and Leta Mach both said the city had the situation under control and should wait to see the plan before responding. Davis said the city had dealt with this problem two years ago and could do so again. Mach added, "I'm not ready to say 'the sky is falling' until we see a plan."

Jordan agreed that the city was doing what was appropriate but he also agreed with Roberts that working with other municipalities could be valuable and said he would look into doing so.

Police Raid Vests

Sergeant Timothy White attended the meeting to answer questions from council on an award of purchase to replace the tactical raid vests used by the Police Department's emergency response unit. The replacement was a predictable expense because some of the materials in the ballistic armor are warranted for only five years since they can begin to disintegrate.

In response to a question, White explained that in addition to training and drills, the vests are used a dozen or so times per year in high risk situations, such as those involving barricades or the execution of search warrants.

The council approved the purchase of 11 new vests under a county contract from Lawmen Supply Company of Lanham and 11 sets of ballistic steel plates, which provide extra levels of protection against high-powered rifles, from AR500 Armor of

Phoenix, Ariz. The city's replacement fund includes \$21,000 for this purpose, which will more than cover the costs.

Electricity Contract

Also up for renewal is the city's electricity supply contract with WGL Energy (formerly Washington Gas Energy Services). Assistant City Manager David Moran reported that WGL is again offering the lowest quotes, their most recent one being 5.8 percent lower than the city's current rate. If it is still available, it would also be the lowest rate the city has paid in a decade.

Moran said the staff recommendation, which the council approved at the meeting, was to renew the rate for three years instead of two with this contract, which also includes 100 percent wind renewable energy credits. Electricity rates fluctuate daily, however, so that the actual rate cannot be determined until the day the contract is signed.

FOGT Loan Request

The Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT) has submitted an application to the Roosevelt Center Merchants Revolving Loan Fund for \$6,000 to cover its share of the increased costs associated with the purchase of the 35mm reel-to-reel projection system for the newly renovated theater. The loan fund, which currently has a balance of about \$16,000, is administered by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. Although the city council approved the submission of the application without discussion on the consent agenda, to be awarded funds FOGT must apply for and be approved for the loan by the credit union, as well as entering into an indemnity agreement with the City of Greenbelt.

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE Call 1-800-RED CROSS

We Celebrate Elaine Skolnik

The following is part of a series of vignettes about Elaine Skolnik written by her friends and colleagues over the years. They celebrate the 60-plus years Elaine has been on the staff as president of the board of directors, reporter and news editor of the Greenbelt News Review. The News Review will honor Elaine at a luncheon at the Greenbelt Marriott on Saturday, May 30. See ad below for information on how to attend the luncheon.

A Most Patient Teacher

I had lived in Greenbelt for only two or three years before I was elected to the News Review board of directors [in the late 1960s]. The president, Al Skolnik, had very strong ideas about what should go in the paper; Al wrote most of the editorials. I was in awe of his vast knowledge and his self-confident manner. I would have felt totally out-of-place on the News Review staff were it not for Elaine. It was she who included me in the decision-making process, who sought my opinions on issues no matter how ill-informed I was. She was really the most patient teacher, and it has been through her that I learned the intricacies of GHI elections and city politics.

Plus, in those early days, she treated me with warmth and respect. I was a new mother with two very young children, and she was always careful not to call me when she thought the children would be napping. To this day, she will ask if it's convenient for me to talk. And I think that this is Elaine's great gift — her interest in people and her great respect for them.

Over the years, she has been a teacher to scores of young people, budding journalists for whom she has devoted hours and hours of her time, patiently teaching them as she did me the inner workings of a newspaper and of Greenbelt life.

*Written by Sandra Lange
News Review Staff Writer*

Greenbelt News Review

Is Hosting a Luncheon Honoring

Elaine Skolnik

Saturday, May 30 at 12:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Marriott



6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, MD

All reservations must be received no later than May 20.

No refunds after that date.

Cost \$36 per person

Amount Enclosed _____
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Menu Selection

(Choose one entree per person)

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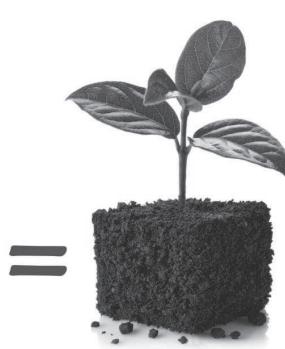
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Jim Cassels Award Enables Alight Dance Performance

Alight dance theater offers a free performance of its latest work, *Frontline: Women of a Forgotten War*, at the Community Center on Sunday, May 3 at 3 p.m. The Jim Cassels Community Service Award, presented annually by Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative in memory of Jim Cassels and his legacy of community involvement, makes possible this unique event. *Frontline* commemorates the challenges women from Maryland and the District of Columbia faced during the War of 1812. Dancers will introduce, for instance, Mary Young Pickersgill, the seamstress credited with creating the Star Spangled Banner; Sukey, a domestic servant of Dolley Madison who was known to be the first lady's constant companion during the war; and Kitty Knight, a folk heroine credited with saving homes in Georgetown, Maryland from being burned by British troops.

Bedlam, a Bowie-based ensemble that specializes in American colonial vocal and instrumental music, provides the musical accompaniment.

The audience will be able to get a closer look at *Frontline* both before and after the 3 p.m. performance. From 1 to 2:30 p.m. the costume designers will

display and describe the handmade period clothing used in the performance. From 4 to 5 p.m. the audience will join the dancers in the period social dance demonstrated in the show.

The Jim Cassels Community Service Award has only a few requirements. The award of \$1200 must make up a major portion of the project's expenses; and the project must be completed within one year. Two previous awards supported art in Greenbelt. The 2010 award to the Friends of the New Deal Café enabled public concerts by high school musicians. The 2011 award to the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA GATE) helped younger students make an animated film commemorating Greenbelt's 75th anniversary. The Awards Committee strives for a balance between arts-oriented, environmental, adult- and children-centered projects.

Applications for next year's award are encouraged and can be submitted online at the Co-op's website greenbelt.coop/cms/community/jim-cassels-award/ or at the Co-op's service desk by October 15. The 2016 award, funded in full through the generosity of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, will be announced at the fall Co-op Annual Meeting.

Greenway Learning Center Celebrates 25th Birthday

by Alexi Worley

It is difficult to mention the Greenway Learning Center without at least one Greenbelt resident perking up in excitement at hearing the name of their neighbor's school, their child's school or even their alma mater.

The school, which accepts students from infant to preschool-age, is a Greenbelt staple, and as it celebrates its 25th year in service it remains a large player in the Greenbelt community.

"Many of the staff that has been working at Greenway Learning Center 10 or more years are so excited when the children return for visits," said Learning Center Director Patti Smith. "I am brought to tears when they stop by for a visit with college degrees under their belts. We all get a big laugh when I remind them that it all started with Ms. Patti changing their diapers."

The school has undergone great change over the years. It first opened in 1990 as Greenway Infant Care with NYMA, a government contracting firm, as its sponsoring company. The partnership allowed NYMA employees to receive 20 percent discount on their tuition, according to Smith.

Years passed, and eventually the center was able to operate on its own as a non-profit parent-run cooperative.

The school's name was changed to the Greenway Learning Center so that parents would know older students were accepted, and a Greenbelt legend was born.

"[The students] live in the surrounding areas, attend the local schools," Smith said. "We have the pleasure of teaching them to hold their bottles, teaching them to take their first wobbly steps, watching the joy on their faces

when they take that big jump and both feet leave the ground."

As a parent cooperative, the center allows parents to serve on the board of directors, giving them a larger say in their child's education, Smith said.

Board of Directors President Cheryl Jones, whose 4-year-old and 16-month-old daughters attend the school, agreed.

"From day one I signed up to participate on the board of directors, which is made up entirely of parents," Jones said. "Unlike large corporate or chain organizations, as parents we volunteer significant time to review budgets, discuss learning opportunities and really have a direct impact on how the center is operated."

According to Jones, the center's hands-on family feel is a result of the staff's dedication.

"[The teachers] take the time to really know not just the children but also their families," Jones said. "The girls have been attending the center since they were five months old and we consider it a second home."

There are plans to expand the school. A 10-year lease at 7501 Greenway Center Drive has just been signed and the school's carpets and walls will be touched up within the next few months, Smith said.

The school's biggest goal for the future is to receive a level five, the highest possible score, by the Maryland EXCELS, a quality rating and improvement system, Smith said.

"We have our work cut out for us but with the dedication and support of the staff, it is a goal we can achieve."

Alexi Worley is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.

Letters

stability and integrity, until two weeks ago when a sewage pipe joint burst under our crawlspace, reminding us how fragile and complex an operation running our co-op can be.

We are not apathetic people. We've sat on GHI committees, worked professionally in Greenbelt and hold community memberships. So why did it take this event to wake us up? We stopped educating ourselves because we wanted to blindly trust in our co-op and leave our rose-colored glasses on to preserve a sense of security. We know there are more of you out there just like us.

Prior to our vote let's ask ourselves much broader questions about the HIP and operation of GHI such as:

1) Have we (or our neighbors) had issues with maintenance work performed by GHI or its hired contractors? If so, was it resolved to a level of satisfaction and were your questions and concerns heard?

2) How will GHI handle the unique qualities of community members: differing abilities and socio-economic class levels, individuals with chemical sensitivities, individuals who have lost their home values due to the economy?

3) With frame houses, how does it make logical sense to do repairs above the ground when an unknown number of crawl spaces and foundations need remediation? How can sealing the problems fix them and not just cover them up?

4) Will the vote approving a release of funds for crawl space work also imply consent to the type of remediation work presented at the meeting or will there be a later vote specifically addressing the process?

Finally, did you know (as we were recently told by a GHI senior staff member) that "GHI's employees do not require permission from members to enter a crawlspace or do work in a crawlspace"? Neither we nor our neighbors were informed by GHI of the sewer pipe break or chemical remediation before or after the fact. It took personal observations and health concerns to surface that started our questioning.

We are not claiming that all of these questions have negative answers. In fact, we personally have many GHI staff and board members that we like and respect. We are simply asking to take off the glasses, educate yourselves on all of the HIP components, formulate your own questions and honestly look at your own personal history and those of your neighbors and friends. Now is the time prior to the vote, which could be postponed until there are answers to the membership's satisfaction.

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The city felt it was important to have an operating theater, so they purchased the building and began to raise money for repairs. They used grants and money the city itself set aside.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre, a nonprofit started just over a year ago, now operates the theater. Their support of the renovations, as well as fundraising for "the reel to reel projection system which allows us to show films on film as well as digital," McGrath said, led to their selection as the new operators by the city.

The theater plans to host local vendors in addition to standard concessions. The goal is to "have as many people in the area as possible involved and give a

more local feel to it, to support the community and to have it be something of an alternative you can't get [elsewhere]," McGrath said.

These vendors will sell baked goods and other snacks. The theater will also sell memberships during the soft opening period, so customers interested in becoming members can do so.

"I contacted [local vendors] because we're trying to have the movie theater be something different, unique and a part of the community and a different experience from a multiplex," McGrath said.

Rachel Kuipers is a journalism student at the University of Maryland writing for the News Review.

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a 100-mile radius of the market. Though many drive well over an hour, an increasing number hail from a 20-mile radius, fulfilling the market's mission of emphasizing local produce.

The market showcases community activities. A variety of Greenbelt organizations take advantage of the opportunity to present their programs and activities to a wider public, and there is a regular program of chef demonstrations inspired by the market's produce. Market sponsors, depending on their contribution level, may elect to host booths. The market encourages local organizations to consider this outlet.

Clarinet Choir

This year the market will host the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Clarinet Choir on opening day and at intervals throughout the summer. Event organizers also look forward to the return of the Morris Dancers and other musical and performing groups and welcome suggestions and participation from the community for entertainment. Because the market has no

electrical power and discourages generators, music is acoustic.

The market thrives on volunteers and sponsor support. It takes at least eight volunteers each week to conduct the market, with setup and takedown and staffing the information booth. In addition, many background jobs are performed by volunteers and the board, including permits, educational events and entertainment activities. New volunteers are always welcome to join the family whether they work at the market itself or in the background.

The market is truly a forum – an agora – where Greenbelters coming out of their winter hibernation can renew friendships with folks they haven't seen since the previous fall. Over the last few years an engaging trend has emerged of young families congregating on the slope between the market and the Community Center and dining on prepared food and beverages from the market. Children frolic while their parents chat. The trees on the slope are tailor-made for climbing and the

shade is perfection on a sunny summer day. Fast food never looked this good.

Greenbelters are encouraged to peruse greenbeltfarmersmarket.org to get information on all market vendors and special events. The website also offers the opportunity to sign up as a volunteer, receive the newsletter or donate to the market. It gives information on vendors and links to vendor websites and notes whether they take SNAP or EBT.

Cathie Meetre is a member of the Farmers Market Board of Directors.



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Chef Monica Corrado explains the intricacies of fresh salsa during her demo to appreciative Greenbelt Farmers Market patrons.

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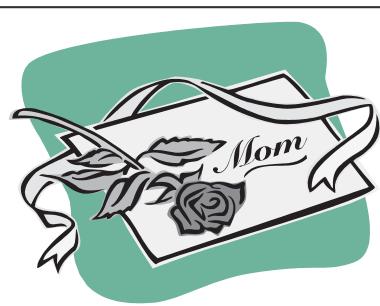
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Drugs/Alcohol

April 17, 5:28 p.m., Hanover Parkway near Greenbelt Road. A 22-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of phencyclidine and possession of paraphernalia after a traffic stop. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

April 18, 12:10 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive. A 43-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and disorderly conduct at the Holiday Inn. He was released on citation pending trial.

April 22, 2:27 a.m., Hanover Parkway near Good Luck Road. A 30-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with alcohol- and drug-related charges after a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

Assault

April 19, 5:49 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 13-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for assault after he threatened other children and an adult with a baseball bat during an altercation with another youth. He was released pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

April 21, 4:18 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 17-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for assault after being involved in a fight in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Counterfeit

April 16, 11:49 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A counterfeit five-dollar bill was used in an attempt to purchase food at Three Brothers Restaurant. It was determined that the person passing the bill was unaware it was counterfeit.

Theft

April 21, 3:43 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. A woman reported that on March 14 a parcel package was taken from in front of her door. The reason for the delay in reporting this incident is unknown.

Burglary

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GES Celebrates Earth Day

by Li'l Dan Celdran

In celebration of Earth Day, Dr. Luisa Robles, sustainability coordinator for the city of Greenbelt, and Erin Josephitis, Volunteer Maryland coordinator, spoke to Ms. Judith Blackman's fourth grade class at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) on Wednesday, April 22, about the importance of recycling and composting.

Robles began the interactive discussion by asking the students what the 3 R's stand for. Students correctly responded: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Reduce: Robles explained that using a reusable water bottle, as opposed to purchasing single use plastic water bottles, was a great way to reduce the amount of plastics used.

Reuse: Robles mentioned that we can reuse items; for instance, clothing that no longer fits can be donated to the thrift store for someone else to wear. Instead of these items ending up in the landfill, they can be reused.

Recycle: As Robles held up various items, she asked students which could be recycled and which could not. Students then taped up the items (on a reused cardboard poster!) into the correct category.

Blackman thanked Robles and Josephitis, saying, "Thank you so much for a very informative and exciting day. It was a very engaging lesson and we learned so much. I am excited to put this as a recurring lesson."

The school has purchased more recycling bins for classrooms, hallways and the cafeteria. Students and school staff will place recyclables into the classroom bins. Students then deposit the recyclables into a larger wheeled bin. Once full, it is emptied by the custodial staff into the recycling dumpster outside.

Compost

Josephitis discussed how composting is similar to recycling: food scraps from fruits and vegetables can be made into compost instead of being thrown in the trash. A composting pilot program is currently in place at GES. A parent volunteer collects fruit from the Maryland Meals for Achievement program for her compost bin at home. Robles described how to easily make a compost heap for one's yard.

The school is considering purchasing compost bins for fruit scraps and yard waste. A low-maintenance bin or pile has a combination of brown and green plant matter, plus some moisture to keep the good bacteria hummus. Shredded newspaper, wood chips and dry leaves are ideal for the brown elements; kitchen waste and grass clippings are perfect for the green add-ins.

Garden

Parent volunteer Li'l Dan Celdran brought spearmint from her



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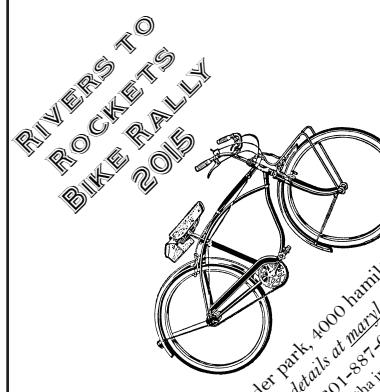
Erin Josephitis, Volunteer Maryland coordinator, talks with 4th graders at Greenbelt Elementary School about recycling and composting.

garden to share with students. Some students wanted to eat it right away; some placed the roots into water to take home to replant. Students commented on how good it smelled.

A landscape committee of parents, school staff and community members was created to discuss and plan gardens, sustainability and landscaping. Recycling,

composting and gardening are interconnected, and lessons learned from participation are life-long. There are many opportunities to teach our children how to take care of our school, community and our planet.

Li'l Dan Celdran is a GES parent. Dr. Luisa Robles and Erin Josephitis contributed to this article.



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GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 10A-X Southway
- Communication Committee's Recommendation Re: Revised Media Policy for GHI
- Architectural Review Committee's Recommendation Re: Color Choices for Siding During the Homes Improvement Program
- Finance Committee's Recommendation Re: Maintenance and Replacement of Optional Items for the Homes Improvement Program
- Finance Committee's Recommendation for Revisions to GHI Replacement Reserves Plan
- Questions to be Answered by the Board Re: Homes Improvement Program
- Contract for Repairs of 20D Ridge Road, 1st Reading
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Greenbelt Federal Credit Union Achieves Top Rating, Again

by Sue Krocchik

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union has experienced some things of note over the last few months. First, the Credit Union has been awarded yet another 5-Star Superior rating from BauerFinancial, Inc.

Second the Credit Union recognized and thanked Eugene Krebs and Karan Temple True for their service on the board of directors at a luncheon held February 27. Krebs, a Credit Union member for many years, served on the board of directors for 14 years, retiring as vice president. He also served on the credit committee and as membership officer. Temple True was a Credit Union member for over 30 years, serving on the board of directors for the last five and retiring as secretary when she moved out of this area.

5-Star Rating

March marked the 99th consecutive quarter that the Credit Union has been awarded a 5-Star rating from BauerFinancial, the nation's leading independent bank and credit union rating firm. The 5-Star rating is the highest possible, indicating that Greenbelt is one of the strongest credit unions nationally, excelling in the areas of capital, loan quality and profitability. Cynthia Comproni has served as Credit Union treasurer and general manager throughout these 99 quarters.

Comproni began working at the Credit Union 34 years ago while enrolled in a general studies program for nursing school. Her first position was in collections. "I was good at it and enjoyed helping people pay debts and get organized," she says. She then progressed to loans.

"The general manager, Joe (Joseph Sr.) Comproni, taught me everything I know," she says. She learned much from him, so much that she became the person who trained managers. When a management position became available, she applied and was promoted to assistant manager, later becoming manager and treasurer. "I found my niche," she says, adding that she never looked back at nursing school.

Joe Comproni, a Greenbelt pioneer, was an original member of the Credit Union and one of its first managers. Residents wanted a place to hold their savings, so in 1937 the Credit Union was conceived the first financial institution in Greenbelt. (Since then other such institutions have come and gone while the Credit Union is still here and thriving.) When the government sold the homes now known as Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), the Credit Union began financing down payments. "Joe Comproni became known as the grandfather of financing GHI homes," according to Comproni.

Joe Comproni – Cindy Comproni – is there a connection?



Pictured from left, Joe Timer, vice president; Elaine Cameron, president; William Stoddard, member; Karan Temple True, retiring secretary; Cynthia Comproni, treasurer and general manager; Eugene Krebs, retiring vice president. Not pictured are Charles Hess, Ed James and Ferdinand Johnson.

Yes, she married the boss' son, Joey (Joseph Jr.) . . . but that was in the works before she knew the city of Greenbelt existed or anything about credit unions. Joey introduced both to her.

Back to the 99th consecutive 5-Star rating. When asked if she felt the pressure of striving for 100 in a row come June, Cindy Comproni chuckled and said "Wel-l-i-l."

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Movie Theater Talk Is A Hit with Seniors

by Kathleen McFarland

An unusually large crowd turned out for Explorations Unlimited on April 24 to hear Caitlin McGrath, new executive director for the Greenbelt Theater, talk about the renovations at the theater and plans for the future. As she introduced herself, many were pleased to learn that she is the mother of two young children, as well as a scholar of films with advanced degrees from the University of Chicago.

Her husband is a professor of film studies at the University of Maryland and she teaches classes occasionally at the university and at other places. She explained that the family moved to Greenbelt just a few years ago, in 2011. She seemed delighted with the town and the theater and full of energy and ideas for making the theater a real community treasure.

McGrath started off by telling us we are extremely fortunate that the Greenbelt Theater has been preserved in essentially the same condition as when it was built in the 1930's, not "turned into a dollar store" or expanded or ruined in some other way. It is unique in still being a single-screen theater. She said she is ecstatic that reel-to-reel movies on film can be shown, in addition to digital movies. Equipment has been purchased for use with both digital and reel-to-reel, she said. This allows her to show some historical silent films or documentaries.

A second point she emphasized was that the non-profit status of her contract makes it possible to apply for grants and to experiment with different projects and ideas, which might not have been otherwise possible. She promised more films, more often, and has many ideas for ways to make full use of the daytime hours, including family films suitable for both parents and children.

McGrath then showed on the screen her prepared pamphlet, which gives the theater's history and prices for yearly subscriptions. The cost will be: \$85 for families, \$75 for couples, \$50 adult, \$35 senior and \$35 student, with special discounts of various

kinds for birthdays and other occasions. Children will get in free when with their parents at the family films. This pamphlet will be distributed soon.

McGrath then asked for questions from the audience, and they had lots of them. The first came from Brenda Cooley, who asked whether there could be "partnering" with the two restaurants nearby, the Beijing and the New Deal. The answer, "Yes, they've thought of that."

Other topics that came up also were fielded immediately and positively: Could there be opera? Foreign films? Yes, because of the non-profit status, these could be shown even if they drew few customers. Classic films such as at AFI? Well, sometimes there are patents and other obstacles, but she is looking into cooperating with AFI. Movies in the daytime for seniors? Yes, of course. Teaching classes? Yes, eventually. But, "Please give us some time to work out these ideas."

A Showpiece

McGrath emphasized she will be reaching out to the community to make the theater a real showpiece and center of activity. She let slip that Chef Lou is designing a new dessert and Karim is naming a special hummus. She showed on the screen some old photos of the theater as it looked long ago. She said that most of the new renovations had been minor in the main seating area.

McGrath ended her talk with a surprise treat: Those who wished could follow her to the theater for a look at the interior if they were careful, as it is not quite finished. Over twenty attendees did just that, and got a pre-opening look at the new refreshments counter, the attractive newly-painted walls, the new seats and the improved and beautiful lighting.

I don't know if anyone peeked into the ADA-approved restrooms (one had a "wet paint" sign on it), but all were delighted with the new look. The general feeling prevailing was great relief and pleasure that our theater is in good and capable hands. We are all looking forward to the opening.

Boxwood Village Yard Sale, Picnic

Boxwood Village is holding a community yard sale on Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a community picnic from 1 to 4 p.m. (rain date Sunday, May 3) at the playground at the corner of Lastner and Ivy Lanes.

As an added bonus, customers can choose to have up to \$5 in change from their purchases at the yard sale returned in Eisenhower dollars, Kennedy half dollars or 2014 golden FDR dollars.

Historic Bladensburg Home on Display

Bostwick, a historic Bladensburg home, will be open on May 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The community is invited to attend an afternoon of swordsmen, blacksmiths, historic toys, demonstrations, music, activities and food celebrating the history and culture of Bostwick. A special trolley will be circulating to the historic homes of Bladensburg.

Bostwick is located at 3300 48th Street, Bladensburg. For more information visit anacostiatrails.org or call 301-887-0777.

Exploring Space And Fall Prevention

For the Friday, May 1, Explorations Unlimited, Michael Blumenstock will make a presentation to encourage an appreciation of astronomy and debunk some myths and misconceptions. Blumenstock is a long-time Prince George's County resident with a fascination for astronomy. He volunteers at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and National Museum of Natural History. At the Air and Space Museum observatory, he teaches visitors about telescopes, the sun, planets and other astronomical phenomena. He is a storyteller with a silly sense of humor. Blumenstock loves sharing his enthusiasm, knowledge and opinions about astronomy with others. He will be teaching a SAGE class on astronomy this summer at the Community Center.

Explorations Unlimited welcomes J.R. Bucklin, physical therapist, on Friday, May 8, speaking about fall prevention. Most falls can be prevented when fall risks are identified and appropriate strategies are implemented. Reducing falls among seniors is a complex problem dependent on many factors: individual, environment, support network and risk factors. Over 28 billion dollars annually is spent to pay for fall-related injuries, and half of those falls could have been prevented.

Bucklin recently moved to Maryland from Connecticut where he has 17 years of experience as a senior therapist in an outpatient clinic treating a myriad of diagnoses. He has taught courses in anatomy and manual therapy as an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University. He is also a certified instructor with CrossFit. Bucklin enjoys a challenge. Many of his patients have been referred to him by colleagues who were unable to treat them. He has also had great success in helping people who have not found beneficial treatments. He credits his success to the unique structure and approach that he takes with his patients. He implements multiple techniques, including structural and functional treatments, and utilizes an individualized approach with each patient. He is a friendly and enthusiastic practitioner with expertise in both pediatric and adult populations.

The presentations are sponsored by Explorations Unlimited, which is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 114 at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Museum Hosts May Basket Making

The Greenbelt Museum has planned a free, family-friendly, hands-on activity to be offered this Sunday, May 3 at the Museum House at 10-B Crescent Road to celebrate spring. We will be making May baskets from 2 to 4 p.m. All materials will be provided.

Explorations Program Takes On Dementia Melodies

by Eli Zimmerman

As the last sentence of his story resonated across the silent audience, Steve Little slung his guitar over his shoulder and began to play one of the many Beatles' songs he had added to his repertoire, with some minor lyric adjustments.

"Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm ninety four." (The original song lyric was "sixty four.")

The 20 plus Greenbelt seniors laughed and applauded for the mix of familiar tunes and new additions.

The second floor of the Community Center was full of laughs, music and drama Friday when Explorations Unlimited hosted another one of their weekly events: a performance by local musician Little, the founder and star of Dementia Melodies, a performance piece that combines music and true stories of people that Little has encountered while singing for elderly citizens in nursing homes and dementia wards.

Growing up, he says, "I would play clubs and bars, but they only wanted to hear newer music. I have always been a sucker for old music; that's why I like playing for older people."

The singer-songwriter brought audience members along on an exploration of the fascinating characters he has met on his journeys.

Distinct accents and facial expressions brought his stories to life through the varying array of personalities portrayed onstage, from Ami Nata, the Tanzanian nurse with a knack for dance, to

the sour Neville Johnson, a cranky war veteran bound to a red motor scooter and a bottle of Johnny Walker.

Greenbelt residents like Eva Choper were impressed with the versatility of the performance.

"It was great," Choper said. "The puppets were especially awesome."

Health Benefits

Along with the entertainment, those attending learned more about the health benefits of music, something that Little strongly believes in.

"The healing power of music is well known, and that's where I come in," said Little.

The performance featured music from the Great American Songbook, a compilation of influential American songs of the 20th century.

The songbook was not the only contributor of music content; Little added plenty of original music, including a song inspired by his grandfather that featured a word long enough to give Mary Poppins a run for her money.

After the songs and skits were over, members of the audience were able to ask questions and share their own experiences with dementia and old age.

Little believes this is a key part of the experience for his show.

"Most of the time people just want to share something," said Little. "I just tell stories and play music and let them talk."

Eli Zimmerman is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

Time Bank Holds Orientation May 7

On Thursday, May 7 from 8 to 10 p.m., the Greenbelt Time Bank will hold its next orientation session for new and prospective members at the Greenbelt MakerSpace, 125 Centerway in Roosevelt Center.

The Greenbelt Time Bank is a growing group, now numbering over 90 members who live, work or play in Greenbelt and are exchanging goods and services using hours instead of money. Participants earn hours by providing services to other members and spend them by receiving services.

The concept allows members to use their time and talents to help neighbors, get their own needs met and build a stronger community. Members have exchanged over 400 hours since the Time Bank was launched in October 2013.

For more information, visit greenbelttimbank.org. To register for the orientation, click the link on the website, call 301-507-6765 or email greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com.

MakerSpace Events

The DIY workshop series continues at the Greenbelt MakerSpace this weekend with a class on origami. From the simple to the complex explore the craft of Japanese paper folding. The workshop is Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. A nice sunny day is expected, so participants should be out on the new outdoor patio, hopefully entertaining a long line of theater patrons.

Tech classes return in May with the popular Arduino class to learn basic microelectronics and a new class to learn how to code in Python, a modern programming language that is a must-have skill for technology professionals. However, the goal for the Python class is to create for Minecraft. These classes start the second week of May. For more details, visit the make125.org website.

Advisory Board Meets Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison: ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov or 240-542-2057

The Green Man Festival Enters its Second Decade

by Richard McMullin

On May 9 and 10, the 11th annual Greenbelt Green Man Festival will fill the Roosevelt Center plaza, as it has for the last 10 years. Offering a cheerful and inviting mix of song, dance, arts and crafts, the festival is a place where participants can enjoy two days of relaxed fun and interesting discussions. This year the event will focus attention on water as a key element in our ecosystem. We are pleased to have chosen as this year's theme, Celebrating our Streams and Waterways. We hope this will bring the community closer to understanding the importance of sustaining a clean and living resource in all the forms it can take.

Kids will be able to learn about what's in the water, and how small changes in the water can lead to big improvements or big problems for all living things. Hands-on interactive displays will be presented by the Prince George's County Department of Environment, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Patuxent Research Refuge, Greenbelt Biota and the Friends School. Children are encouraged to write a story with pictures about keeping our water clean or how to conserve water and to bring these on Saturday morning to the festival where they will be displayed. Free passes to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center will be given for the best 15 submissions.

As in the past, families can take in activities like the community painting, creating a mosaic design, putting together a fairy garden or a fairy house for the garden, face painting, making wind chimes, dancing around the May pole and more. On Saturday morning at just before noon, everyone can join in the parade, and kids are encouraged to dress up as one of their favorite woodland or aquatic creatures. Adults, of course, can also join in the fun. If you're not dancing to the musical tunes played on stage, there will be presentations about water conservation throughout the weekend.

Starting things off a little before 10 a.m. on Saturday, the community drum circle will raise the tempo and the spirits. We invite you to bring your drums or borrow a percussion instrument and feel the beat. At 11:45 the morning blessing will take place followed by the opening call for the Celebration and then the parade around the plaza. In the afternoon the festival stage will come alive with performances by master

percussionist Katy Gaughan, local super group KIVA and the sweet sounds of alt-country group the Scrub Pines. Then a little after 3 p.m., Teresa Whitaker and Frank Schwartz from West Suffield, Conn., will take the stage – bringing with them songs and stories that tell of wonder and possibilities and the connections we all can find with the watersheds we live within. Their mix of harmonies and tales of the real and the fantastical will engage children and grownups alike. Finally the day ends with Baltimore's funky quilt of a band, Global Warming. They always get folks up on their feet dancing with great songs from the past to finish the day with raised spirits and warm hearts.

Sunday morning starts peacefully with the special Celtic blend of hammered dulcimer and fiddle of Peat and Barley, followed by the folk/neo-medieval/renaissance rock group, Tower Green. At 1 p.m. Ronn McFarlane brings Ayreheart, his quartet of accomplished musicians and their beautiful ancient instruments, to the stage for an hour of carefully crafted and enlivening music. McFarlane is considered one of the best lutenists in the world. Mike Eloch, local songwriter, performs his homemade tunes at 2 p.m. followed by fingerstyle guitarist Wynne Paris at 3 p.m. Wynne's group blends the musical traditions of the Far East with more familiar western musical instruments. The day is brought to a close with the whimsical mystical sounds of Woven Green. We think you will find something old and something new to enjoy in the musical choices that will bless the Green Man stage.

The Green Man Festival is a project of the Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS, chears.org), which acknowledges the support of the City of Greenbelt in helping to bring this event to life each year. We encourage everyone in the community to walk down to the Roosevelt Center on Mother's Day weekend and be a part of the celebration. Bring a folding chair and stake out a spot. Bring your reusable water bottle to refill at the CHEARS booth thanks to the Drink More Water company. Bring a bag and pack a plate and utensils for festival food to take part in the zero waste efforts that are a key part of the event. But most of all come enjoy and learn and create with your neighbors in peace and harmony. The Green Man is watching and waiting for you!

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Thursday, April 30 Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from 12 to 2 p.m. Open Mic will be hosted by Tom Gleason from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 1 John Guernsey plays classic American standards on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Beggars Tomb, a five piece Grateful Dead jam band, will perform from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 2 the TV John Variety Show runs from 11 a.m. to noon. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by John Guernsey playing blues and jazz on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Built 4 Comfort offers up blues, R&B and classic rock music with a kick from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 3 join the Deaf Brunch from 10:30 a.m. until noon. The Not2Cool Jazz Trio will play from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. In the evening, The Starlight Orchestra will perform Big Band jazz and swing music featuring fantastic female vocalists from 5 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5, The New Old Jamboree hosted by Ruthie and the Wranglers featuring old songs, new songs and special guests will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6, The Seth Kibel Quartet from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, May 7, Mid-Day Melodies from 12 to 2 p.m. SAW Open Mic night hosted by Paige Powell from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, May 8 John Guernsey plays classic American standard from 7 to 8 p.m. The Moxie Blues Band perform blues infused with Southern rock music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by John Guernsey playing blues and jazz on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Stream & the Blue Dragons play world music on a variety of wind-instruments, drums, bass and didgeridoo from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended for this show.

Sports Complex Celebrates 15 Years

The Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation is hosting a 15-Year Anniversary Open House at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, on Saturday, May 2, noon to 4 p.m.

The state-of-the-art facility has been an important location for the Prince George's County community. The open house will feature free demonstrations, giveaways and door prizes.

Farming is Focal In New Deal Art Show

Attention artists: the second group show this year at the New Deal Café Farm to Table, is looking for artwork. The show is in collaboration with the Greenbelt Farmers Market and will be on display during July and August. The reception will be on Sunday, July 26, and will include events such as wine tasting and fruit and veggie sculpting for kids with Greenbelt artist Tom Baker.

Submissions in all media are welcome and may include: market scenes, harvesting, farms, orchards, farm animals, vegetables, fruit, bread-making, etc. All two-dimensional art work in all media must be hooked, wired and ready to hang. Three-dimensional art work is welcome: there is a display case available for three-dimensional art, which must measure no more than 10x10x10 inches.

The exhibit is limited to artists 18 years and over. Submit a digital image of work to have considered to newdealcafeart@yahoo.com (up to 4 entries per artist). Be sure to include the title and size of each piece. Deadline for submission is June 26.

Artists will be notified about acceptance of their work by June 29. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Meg Haney at myevsuk@aol.com or 301-602-2769 or visit newdealcafe.com/events/arfp.php.

The art show program at the New Deal Café is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

– Barbara Simon

Talk on Solar, Wind To be Held May 6

The Future of Wind and Solar is the topic of a talk by Corey Ramsden and Hannah Hunt on Wednesday, May 6 from 7 to 9:15 p.m. in Room 114 at the Community Center.

Ramsden and Hunt believe that the future of solar lies with the democratization of the energy grid. Just as personal computing and the Internet have shifted information technology from the needs of the few to the needs of the many, so too will the energy grid see this shift.

Wind power is expanding rapidly with the installation of utility-scale wind projects across the U.S. With a stable policy environment and continued technology advancements that have cut costs consistently over the last five years, demand for wind power is expected to continue and grow.

Ramsden, program director for Maryland SUN, has 15 years of IT industry experience, is a certified photovoltaic (PV) installation professional and owns his own solar PV system. Hunt is a research analyst with the American Wind Energy Association, performing policy and market analysis on the U.S. wind industry. Her previous positions include experience as a renewable energy analyst at the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The last portion of the evening will be devoted to local announcements and updates on Greenbelt sustainability projects.

For details contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org, 301-345-2234.

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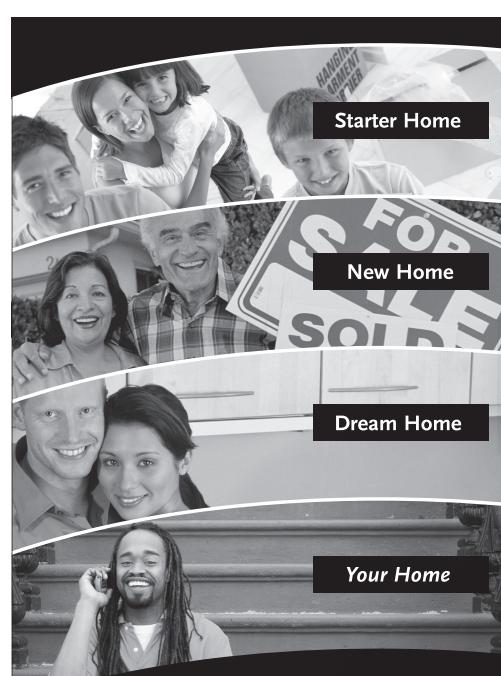
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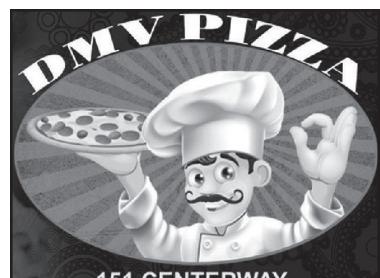
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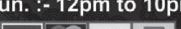
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Corner Lot - Large Floorplan GHI with ADDITION on main level. Separate den/office. Enormous fenced back and side yards. Walks to Center! **UNDER CONTRACT**

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Block Townhome - Addition - Remodeled kitchen, granite ctrs, d/w. Cherry wood fire, fenced yrds. 1st flr. addition used as den/bedroom. **UNDER CONTRACT**

Block Townhome - 2 bedroom townhome with large screened porch. Modern kitchen. Just a short walk to Roosevelt Center. Priced to sell at \$150,000.

GHI Block Townhome - 3 Br unit with upgrade kitchen, separate laundry & laundry room. Large Garage Shed! Short walk to Roosevelt Center.

Brick Townhome - Corner Lot - Fireplace, sunroom, refinished hardwood flooring, newly tiled bath, energy sav. appliances, fresh paint & more. Nice!

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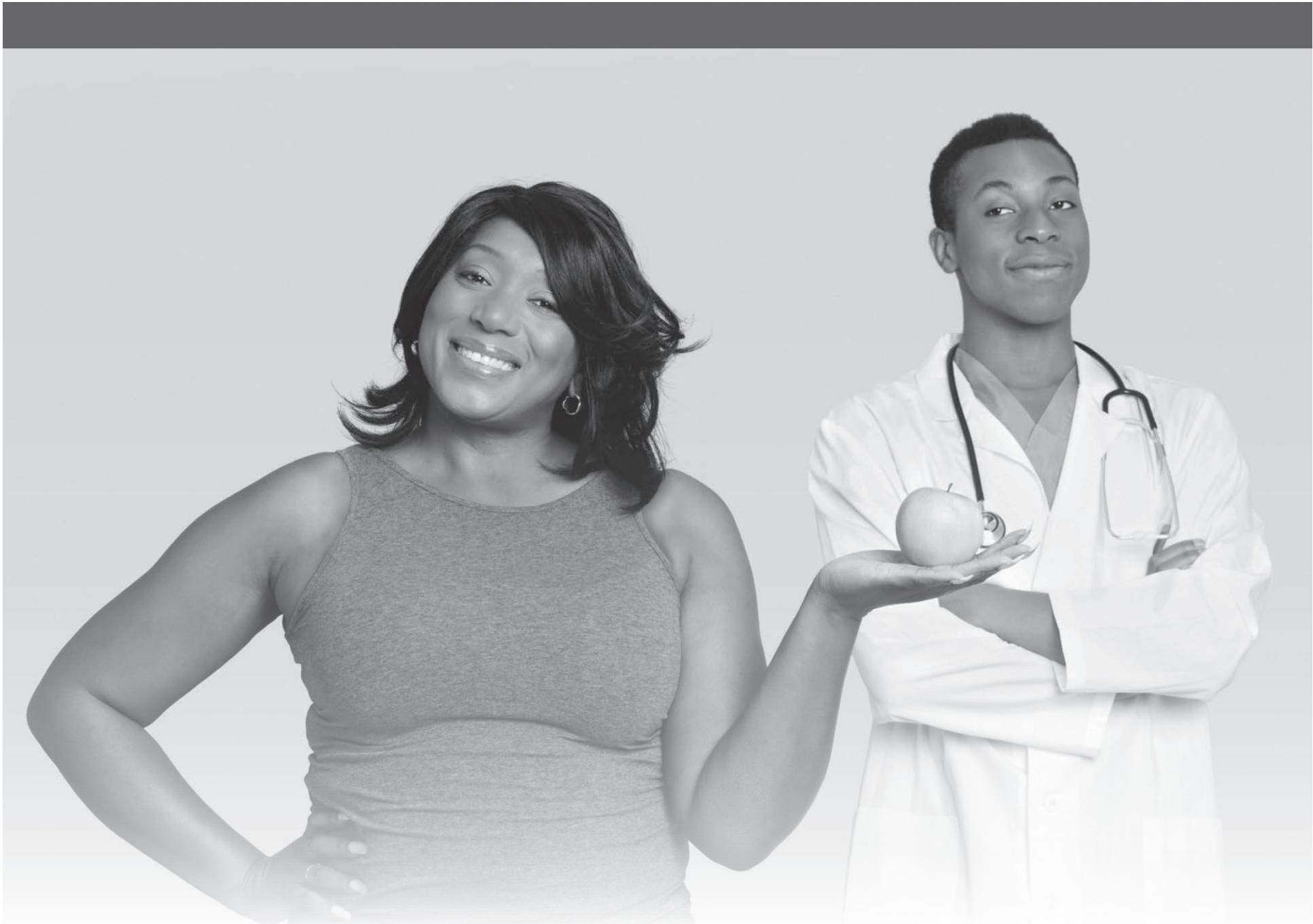
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